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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: KAGNEW FOUR: KIDNAPPING OF BRITISH HONORARY CONSUL

REF: STATE 253190

1. IN RESPONSE TO INITIATIVE OF BRITISH CHARGE HERE,
DCM OCT 24 SHARED IN DETAIL OUR EXPERIENCES WITH EPMG
RE KAGNEW FOUR OMITTING ONLY SUBJECT OF INSURGENT CONTACTS
WITH CISCO IN ASMARA (WHICH WE HAVE NOT TOLD ETHIOPIANS
EITHER). CHARGE ALSO TOLD OF OUR CONTACT WITH ELF REPS
IN KHARTOUM AND IN GENERAL WAY OF CONTACTS WITH ICRC,
ITALIAN, SUDANESE AND SAUDI GOVTS.

2. DCM FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT BRITISH MIGHT WISH TO GET
IN TOUCH WITH MR. FEAREY'S OFFICE IN DEPT SINCE
DEPT WAS PREPARED TO BE FRANK WITH HMG, AND ALSO
TALK TO OUR EMBASSIES IN ROME, JIDDA, KHARTOUM AND
GENEVA FOR MORE DETAILS. CHARGE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD
SO RECOMMEND TO HIS MOFA.

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3. CHARGE CONFIRMED DEPT'S UNDERSTANDING THAT UK

TERRORISM POLICIES PARALLEL OUR OWN (HE CITED JACKSON
CASE IN URUGUAY OF SOME YEARS BACK AS CASE IN POINT),
AND SAID HE EXPECTED THAT HMG WOULD CERTAINLY WANT TO
PRESENT UNITED FRONT WITH US VIS A VIS ELF/PLF. SAID
INITIAL INSTRUCTIONS FROM MOFA WERE THAT BRITISH MISSIONS
SHOULD TAKE NO INITIATIVE IN ASMARA CONSUL CASE, BUT
AWAIT SOME SIGN FROM HIS CAPTORS BEFORE HMG DECIDES ON
NEXT MOVE.
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